1162. The supply of stationery articles to the several Municipalities and Local Bodies in the State on payment of cost was continued.

1163. The supply of stationery articles to all Military Units transferred to the control of the Government of India and other integrated departments was continued on payment of cost with effect from 1st April 1950.

1164. As far as possible and consistent with quality and rates, articles of Indian manufacture were purchased during the year in preference to articles of foreign manufacture in pursuance of the general policy enunciated by the Government of India.

1165. The total value of articles of Mysore manufacture purchased during the year including the cost of printing and writing papers amounted to Rs. 9,63,608 (Rs. 6,07,938).

(vi) Horticulture and Public Gardens.

1166. The Department of Horticulture continued its activities connected with the introduction, acclimatisation and propagation of plants of economic and ornamental value. A large collection of the most interesting, ornamental and economically important plants were received from the various nurseries and botanical institutions from all over the world.

1167. A number of ornamental and economic plants were propagated in the nursery for tree-planting drive.

1168. Seeds and plants of both ornamental and economically important plants consisting of trees, shrubs and herbs were collected for sale and departmental supply; some of the important varieties of seeds were also offered in exchange to some botanical and horticultural institutions both in and abroad. Botanical specimens were supplied to Colleges for examination and collection purposes. The control of insect, insect pests and diseases attacking the horticultural crops was continued. The spraying staff visited all the Government horticultural farms and gardens, private orchards and gardens.

1169. The Lalbagh Botanical Garden continued to be the centre of horticultural work. Large number of visitors availed themselves the use of the garden for pleasure and Lalbagh.

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recreation as well as for study. There was great increase in the number of students visiting for systematic study of Botany.

1170. Public recreation grounds under the control of the department continued to maintain their popularity as places of public resorts and beauty spots. The lawns, foot-paths and roads were kept clean and tidy by timely weedings, mowing, manuring, etc.

1171. The All-India Congress Session was held in the Glass House for 3 days in July 1951 when almost all top-ranking leaders and officials visited Lalbagh. All of them enjoyed the atmosphere of Lalbagh and paid glowing tributes to the plant wealth and splendour of the garden.

Horticultural shows.

1172. The Summer Horticultural Show was held on 4th and 5th August 1951, and the Winter Show was held on 3rd and 4th February 1952.

1173. The Garden Competition was held on 1st August 1951. Thirty-six gardens, both ornamental and vegetable, entered the competition.

1174. All the gardens and parks of the Palace were well maintained.

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysore.

1175. There was a total gate collection of Rs. 33,205 (Rs. 25,945) showing an increase in the number of visitors during the year.

1176. In Srirangapatna, particular attention was given to the maintenance of Dar-i-Dowlat Bagh and Gumbaz Gardens.

1177. The Brindavan Gardens were kept in excellent condition and many varieties of plants of economic and ornamental value were planted.

1178. All the Horticultural Farms in the State were kept in good condition.

Nandi Hill Station.

1179. This Hill Station is assuming importance as one of the best health and pleasure resorts in India and is visited by thousands of people throughout the year. The number of persons visited during the year was 9,860 (7,500). Besides this large number of sight-seers, pilgrims to Mahasivarathri jathra, students from various Colleges for botanical study and engineering survey visited the place. The daily van services were running from Bangalore throughout the year.